

V. REMARKS

A. Amendments to the Specification

The specification was objected to in the Office Action because the Abstract exceeded 150 words.

In response to this objection, the Abstracted has been amended, and a replacement Abstract presented, to meet the 150 word limit of the current guidelines. Because of the extensive changes to the amended Abstract, a "clean" version of the replacement abstract is included on a separate sheet for entry into the application.

Paragraph [0019] has been amended to clarify that the brief is shown as turned inside-out for presentation of the "inside view" of the brief. Although not explicitly stated prior to this Amendment, the "turned inside-out" condition of the brief is self-evident, but the Amendment expressly states this condition. All other descriptions of figures showing the inside view of a brief refer back to Fig. 2 described in paragraph [0019], or to another figure that refers back to Fig. 2, and therefore do not need to be expressly amended.

B. Amendments to the Claims

As discussed in detail below, claims 1, 3, 7 and 9 have been amended to place all claims in condition for allowance.

Claim Objections Because of Informalities

Claims 1, 3, and 7 were objected to in the Office Action because the word "view" should have been --viewed--.

Claim Rejection under 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-10 were rejected in the Office Action under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The Office Action indicates that "the back side" lacked antecedent basis in two places in claims 1 and 3, and that there was no antecedent basis for "the opposite sides" in line 25. The Office Action further indicates that "the inside front panel" lacks antecedent basis in claim 3. Applicant notes that claim 7 also suffers from these deficiencies.

Allowed and Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-10 were noted in the Office Action as allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objections and 112 rejections.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for this indication of allowability of claims 1-10, and Applicant has amended the necessary claims in an effort to overcome such rejections.

Response to Claim Objections and Rejections

Claims 1, 3 and 7: In response to the objection and the 112 rejections, the word "view" has been changed to --viewed--; the recitation of "the back side" has been changed to --behind--, and the recitation of "the opposite sides" has been deleted.

Claims 3, 7 and 9: In further response to the 112 rejections, the recitation of "the inside front panel of the main body" has been changed to --the inside front of the main body--.

C. Amendments to the Drawings

Pursuant to current amendment guidelines, the drawing changes are made by presenting replacement figures which incorporate the desired changes and which comply with 37 CFR 1.84. The replacement drawing sheets are identified in the margins as "Replacement Sheet" and they include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version (the original) of the sheet.

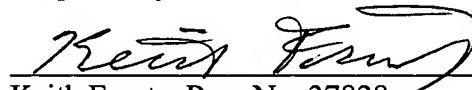
The replacement drawings include applicable ones of figs. 1-14 on the same drawing sheets as the immediate prior version of the drawing sheets. No changes have been made to any of the figures of the drawings. The only change to the drawings is the deletion of the header identifying the inventor and the title of the application: "ELWELL - MEN'S BRIEF WITH INNER SUPPORT POCKET" in the immediate prior version.

D. Summary

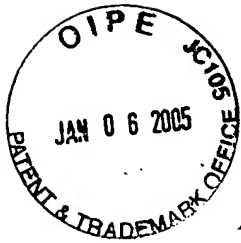
The amendment does not alter the specification or drawings, and does not present new matter into the application. All amendments and changes are supported by the original specification, claims and drawings.

Applicant believes that the amended abstract and claims and the replacement drawings sheets are responsive to all issues in the Office Action, and that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A support pocket with a conformable pouch having an elastic back is secured to the inside front of a man's brief. A pair of flaps extending upwardly from opposite sides of the pouch are movable between a fastened closed position overlapping one another and laying flat against the inside front of the brief, and an open position separated from one another to open the pouch from above.

IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please replace the immediate prior version of the drawings, consisting of six original drawing sheets (figs. 1-14), with the enclosed six replacement drawing sheets (figs. 1-14) identified with the words "REPLACEMENT SHEET" in the page header.